

**Washington, DC** – Today, Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) and Congresswoman Betty Sutton (OH-13) announced that the University of Akron will receive \$1 million for a Clean Vehicle Technology project to put highly energy-efficient vehicles on our nation's roads. There is potential for the project to commercialize technologies that will result in savings up to 50 percent less fuel usage. The project also has potential to develop a truly revolutionized vehicle that is sustainable, efficient and clean. This funding was secured out of the conference report on H.R. 3183, the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriation bill. Congressman Ryan, a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Energy and Water was a conferee on that report. Specifically, this funding comes out of a \$311 million investment by the Department of Energy in Vehicle Technology to collaborate with industry to improve fuel efficiency with better batteries and engines that burn clean, domestic fuel.

**“With the Akron Clean Vehicle Technology project, the production the new “green” Chevy Cruze in Lordstown and cutting edge research being performed at the University of Akron, Kent State and Youngstown State University, our area is poised to be a world leader in clean vehicle research and production,”** said Congressman Tim Ryan. **“I am adamant that the green jobs of the future be created in Northeast Ohio.”**

**“This funding is critical for the University of Akron to invest in technologies that will create the next generation of vehicles with improved fuel efficiency, as well as better and cleaner engines and batteries,”** Rep. Sutton said.

Specific goals of the program will be to demonstrate that advanced vehicle drive technologies work efficiently and economically. The program will involve networking with auto-companies to

reduce the time to commercialize advanced drive technologies. Mostly, the program intends to make Akron an energy-efficient vehicle innovation laboratory and incubator for the U.S. and solve problems that hamper the deployment of hybrid vehicles.

H.R. 3183 will also continue the Title 17 Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee and the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan programs to accelerate the implementation of renewable energy generation and to establish a domestic manufacturing base.

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